

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-8 are pending and at issue.

The rejections of claims 1 and 2 as anticipated by Grundstrom U.S. 2,127,355 and claims 3-4 as unpatentable over Grundstrom in view of Amberg U.S. 4,282,608 are respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1 has been amended to distinguish Grundstrom by characterizing the outer layer of abrasion-resistant material of the upper region of each leg portion as being "less resistant to punctures than the layer of puncture resistant material of the lower regions". This structure is neither shown nor suggested by Grundstrom or Amberg, taken alone or together. Indeed, it is believed that Grundstrom and Amber are silent with respect to the relative puncture resistance of any of their materials with respect to any other of their materials. In this regard, the amendment is also intended to address the Examiner's response asserting that "all materials provide puncture resistance to snakes and plants, depending upon the snake and plant", by defining the puncture resistance in terms relative to the other materials utilized in the protective pants.

Claims 5-8 have been added and are believed to be patentable over the references.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the rejections of the claims and allowance of the case is respectfully requested.

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